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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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**TRANSACTIONS** 

#### VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am:

an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN:

Orion Systems, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN:

491 Maple Street, Suite 205, Danvers, MA 01923

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING SECURE ENDORSED TRANSACTIONS by inventors Michael Movalli and Brian Movalli described in

Application Serial No. 08/697,421 filed August 23, 1996. If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no

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rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Name: Orion Systems, Inc.

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Entity Type: Small Business Concern

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b).

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